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SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

The fourth annual report of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Wood's Holl is issued. From it we glean the following statistics and other items. The laboratory last year accommodated 67 workers, divided as follows: Investigators occupying private rooms, 17; investigators receiving instruction, 9; students, 44. In the report of 1890 a debt of \$5,000 was an unpleasant item. This has all been paid, but the laboratory still needs money, not only for an enlargement of the building but for a permanent endowment. In its four years the laboratory has turned out a goodly amount of work, no less than 31 papers being catalogued as issued or in press which are based upon researches carried on at Wood's Holl. The library has been increased by purchase and gift, and 21 periodicals are regularly subscribed for. In his report as director Dr. Whitman indicates the lines for growth. He would have facilities afforded for research in what for want of a better name he calls biological physiology. He would have the laboratory kept open the whole year with a corps of paid investigators, and he would have a more intimate connection between the laboratory and the colleges and universities which patronize it.

The circulars for the coming summer will probably be issued before this is read, but any wishing information about the laboratory can obtain it by addressing either Prof. C. O. Whitman, Clark University, Worcester, Mass., or Prof. H. C. Bumpus, Brown University, Providence, R. I.

Recent Deaths.—Dr. Ernst von Brücke the physiologist, of Vienna, January 7th, 1892, in his 72nd year; he was a pupil of Johannes Müller. Louis Francois Héron-Royer, at Amboise, Dec. 15, 1891, aged 56 years; he was best known for his studies on the life histories of the Batrachia. Prof. Armand de Quatrefages, the well known Zoologist and Anthropologist, in Paris, January 12, 1892, aged 81 years. Prof. Edward Brandt, of St. Petersburg, Dec. 12 (N. S.), 1891; he was best known for his works on the embryology and nervous system of the insects. Sir William Macleay, in Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 7, 1891, aged 71 years; he was the most prominent person in the development of biology in Australia.

A large treatise on Zoology is announced as in progress. Of publisher, extent, etc. nothing has yet appeared. The list of authors is as

follows: Dr. Fabre-Domergue, Paris: Rhizopoda, Ciliata, Suctorina; Prof. Moniez, Lille: Sporozoa, Trematodes, Cestodes; Prof. Künstler, Bordeaux: Flagellata, Anthozoa; Prof. Vosmaer, Utrecht: Sponges; Prof. Lang, Zürich: Hydrozoa, Siphonophores, Acalephs, Ctenophores, Turbellaria; Prof. E. Van Beneden, Liege: Dicyemida, Tunicates; Prof. Justin, Liege: Orthonectida, Amphioxus, Cyclostomes; M. de Guerne, Paris: Rotifera and Gastrotricha; Prof. Roule, Toulouse, Archiannelida, Sternaspidae, Phoronis; Prof. de Nabais, Bordeaux: Hirudine; Prof. Yung, Geneva: Annelida; Prof. Cuénot, Nancy: Bryozoa, Echinoderms; Prof. Joubin, Rennes: Brachipods, Nemertines, Chaetognaths; Prof. Pelseneer, Ghent: Molluscs; Prof. Köhler, Lyons, Nematelminthis, Acanthocephali, Enteropneusti; Prof. Vaysiere, Marseilles: Protracheata, Myriapods, Hexapods; Prof. Barrois, Lille: Arachnida; Prof. Giard, Paris: Crustacea; Dr. Dollo, Brussels: Fishes, Batrachia, Reptiles, Birds; Prof. Weber, Amsterdam: Mammals; Dr. Denniker, Paris: Primates.

Dr. Joubin, Palais Universitaire, Rennes, France, wishes to obtain all the brachiopods in alcohol possible, so as to study their anatomy. Exotic specimens are especially desirable.

The "Agassiz Club," with a membership limited by its constitution to fifteen, has recently been started in Corvallis, O.

Regular meetings once a month; extra meetings can be called by vote. It is conducted on much the same principles that characterize the Zoological Club at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, at Cambridge, the rooms being open an hour or two before presentation of regular paper, for perusal of current scientific journals or magazines. The Club, however, is not alone a zoological club. Interesting papers have been read on the following: Electricity, Plant Parasites, The Problem of the Soaring Bird, Some Points in the Anatomy of the Brain.

The President of the Club is Prof. G. W. Shaw; Vice-President, Prof. G. A. Covell; Secretary and Treasurer, Prof. Moses Craig.

The Oriental History Society of Altenburg will celebrate in the Autumn of 1892 the seventy-fifth anniversary of its establishment, and will take advantage of this opportunity to pay tribute to three of the honorary members of the Society by the erection of a simple, worthy monument in the capitol city of Altenburg. They are Chris-

tian Ludwig Brehm, his son, Alfred Brehm, and Prof. Schlegel, who died at Leiden.

The researches of these three men in zoology, and particularly in ornithology, are known, not only among their associates, but throughout the world, and demonstrate that their memory should be honored.

The undersigned committee, under the patronage of His Highness Prince Moritz of Saxe-Altenburg, also an honorary member of the Society, solicits contributions from the friends of these eminent scientists for the purpose of aiding in the erection of the proposed memorial.

It is respectfully requested that contributions be forwarded to Hugo Koehler, Privy-councillor of Commerce, in Altenburg, and that inquiries and letters be addressed to Dr. Kœpert, in Altenburg.

The Committee: Prince Moritz of Saxe-Altenburg; Prof. Dr. Blasius, Braunschweig; Dir. Prof. Flemming, Altenburg; Major A. v. Homeyer, Greifswald; Hugo Koehler, Privy-councillor of Commerce, Altenburg; Dr. Koepert, Altenburg; Prof. Dr. Liebe, Privy-councillor, Gera; Prof. Dr. Pilling, Altenburg; Dr. Reichenow, Berlin; Dr. Rothe, Privy-councillor of Medicine, Altenburg; Chevalier von Tschusi zu Schmidhoffen, Hallein; Dr. Voretzsch, Altenburg; Dr. Leverkus, Munich.

Altenburg, December, 1891.